Removal of authorised chemists from CGHS

267. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of chemists whose names have been removed from the authorised chemist list of CGHS in Delhi during the year 2004, and the reasons thereof, case-wise;

(b) whether alternative arrangements have been made for the above cancelled authorised chemists for the benefits of the CGHS beneficiaries including pensioners;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) During the year 2004, three chemists have been removed from the list of CGHS authorised local chemists appointed for CGHS Delhi as per details given below:—

(i) M/s. Chemist Corner, Shakti Nagar: The contract was discontinued on the basis of CBI report.

(ii) M/s. Dinesh Medicos, R.K. Puram: The contract was discontinued on the basis of CBI report.

(iii) M/s. Gupta Medicos, Moti Bagh: The contract was discontinued on the basis of the irregularities found by an Enquiry Committee which was constituted to look into the complaints received in the matter.

(b) and (c) Adequate quantity of medicines is available in CGHS dispensaries. However, any drug prescribed by the specialists and not available in the dispensary is made available to the beneficiary from the Authorised local Chemist on the basis of individual prescription. In the case of CGHS dispensaries which do not have any authorised local chemist attached to them, the CGHS beneficiaries (including pensioner beneficiaries) are permitted to purchase the medicines from the open market for which reimbursement is made by the Government.

Meanwhile, two chemists have been awarded the contracts by CGHS

for supplying medicines to the various CGHS units as per details given below:—

(i) M/s. Kendriya Bhandar for supplying local purchase medicines to the CGHS Medical Stores Depot, New Delhi and the CGHS Medical Centre at Parliament House Annexe.

(ii) M/s. Satyawati Drugs and Departmental Stores for supplying local purchase medicines to the CGHS units at Timarpur, Kingsway Camp and Rajpur Road.

(d) In view of (b) and (c) above, the question does not arise.

Vacancies in Safdarjung Hospital

268. SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in medical and non-medical categories of Safdarjung Hospital have not been filled up for a long time;

(b) if so, the number thereof separately, and what is the reason therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have been directed by the Delhi High Court to immediately fill up the vacancies; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) Due to the instructions of the Government, the Department of Personnel and Training *vide* their O.M. No. 2/8/2001-PIC dated 16-5-2001, prescribing a limit that the Direct Recruitment can be resorted only against 1-3rd of the vacancies arising in a year subject to a further ceiling of 1% of the total sanctioned strength, this Department is not in a position to fillup all the vacancies in medical and various non-medical categories in various Government hospitals including Safdarjung Hospital.

As it has been found difficult to apply these instructions for vacancies in Health Sector, Department of Health has already taken up the matter